GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Mid Day Meal Scheme in Drought-hit Areas
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to serve Mid Day Meals to students everyday including official holidays in drought-hit areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to allocate additional funds in this regard and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise, especially in Uttar Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): The Mid Day Meal Guidelines envisage serving of mid day meals in elementary schools during summer vacation in areas which are formally notified by the concerned State Governments as drought affected. The number of days on which meals are to be served during summer vacation are decided by the State Governments concerned. The Programme Approval Board of the Mid Day Meal Scheme has approved a programme for Rs.726.34 crore with Central assistance component of Rs. 468.89 crore in respect of drought affected areas of 9 States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Odisha, Rajasthan, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh for the summer vacation of 2016.
Under the Mid Day Meal Scheme, an amount of Rs. 2215 crore has already been released to the States during April, 2016 as part of the first installment for the year 2016-17. In addition, an amount of Rs. 211.67 crore has been released to 8 States for serving mid day meals during summer vacation in drought affected areas. State-wise details are as under:
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S.No. States No. of drought affected districts No. of children proposed to be covered Central assistance approved
(Rs. in lakh) Fund released
under MDMS in 2016-17 so far (Rs. in lakh)
1. Karnataka 27 2807388 5582.54 2791.27
2. Madhya Pradesh 41 3614405 7515.09 3757.55
3. Chhattisgarh 25 2581521 4058.65 2029.33
4. Maharashtra 22 2294802 4615.60 2307.80
5. Rajasthan 19 1562089 2371.53 1185.77
6. Telangana 7 1101970 2122.27 1061.14
7. Uttar Pradesh 50 6991813 13453.41 6726.71
8. Andhra Pradesh 10 1319059 2615.47 1307.74
9. Odisha* 27 2974079
4555.12 --
Total 228
25247126
46889.68
21167.28
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*approved on 4.5.2016
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